

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the Examiner Interview conducted on March 10, 2009. Applicant has reviewed the Interview Summary mailed on March 18, 2009, and agrees with its contents.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-3, 22, 24-26, 40-41, 43-44, and 57 are pending. Claims 1, 24, and 43 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 24, and 43.

Claim Amendments

Independent claims 1, 24, and 43 are amended for purposes of clarification. Support for these amendments can be found, for example, at least in Fig 13, step 48 and the accompanying text on page 24 of the Specification. Thus, these amendments are fully supported by the original specification and no new matter has been added.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 1-3, 24-26, 40, and 43-44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over EP 0746119 ("Kuwabara") in view of US Patent No. 5,903,816 ("Broadwin"). To

the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

MPEP § 2143 states that “[t]he key to supporting any rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 is the clear articulation of the reason(s) why the claimed invention would have been obvious. The Supreme Court in KSR noted that the analysis supporting a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 should be made explicit.” Further, when combining prior art elements, the Examiner “must articulate the following: (1) a finding that the prior art included each element claimed, although not necessarily in a single prior art reference, with the only difference between the claimed invention and the prior art being the lack of actual combination of the elements in a single prior art reference....” MPEP § 2143(A).

Amended independent claims recite, in part, (i) receiving packet data related to the Internet response via the PSTN connection, where the data received contains sufficient information to enable the receiver/decoder to retrieve the Internet response; and (ii) where the Internet response is sent over a satellite link. That is, the amended claims require that data received via the slow link (the PSTN connection) is used to obtain the location of where to get the Internet response (the web page) that is sent via the fast link (the earth receiver satellite link). *See* Specification, Figure 13, Step 48 and page 24 of Specification.

Applicants respectfully assert that Kuwabara fails to teach or suggest (i) and (ii) above. Specifically, as discussed during the Examiner Interview, Kuwabara teaches a PSTN connection via modem (1108) and a remote control (1109) for requesting Internet data. The information center (1) of Kuwabara supplies an Internet response to a user via a multimedia packet, but the multimedia packet is sent via the satellite transmitting

antenna (1313). In order to teach the claimed invention, Kuwabara would have to send the multimedia packet containing information about the Internet response (as opposed to the Internet response itself, which is what is taught by Kuwabara) via the PSTN connection, such that the receiver/decoder receives the multimedia packet and then uses the information in the packet to obtain the Internet response sent via a satellite link. There is so such two part process in Kuwabara in which information about where to obtain the Internet response is sent via the PSTN connection, and the actual Internet response is sent via a satellite link. Thus, Kuwabara fails to teach or suggest receiving packet data related to the Internet response via a PSTN connection, while the Internet response itself (the web page) is sent over a satellite link.

Further, Broadwin fails to supply that which Kuwabara lacks. Broadwin is relied upon by the Examiner as teaching an application code integrated into the digital datastream for causing the receiver/decoder to operate in Internet mode and transmitting the digital datastream including the at least one television program. However, as discussed during the Examiner Interview, Broadwin merely teaches an application code that causes a set top box to display still images related to video content. Thus, Broadwin does not supply an Internet response to a request sent by a communications center on behalf of a user. Rather, Broadwin only teaches that still video content may originate from the Internet, which is clearly distinct from obtaining an Internet response to a user request, where the Internet response is sent via a satellite link, and the information to obtain the Internet response by the receiver/decoder is sent via a PSTN connection. Because Broadwin is not related to a receiver/decoder that operates in Internet mode to send and receive Internet data, it follows that Broadwin cannot possibly teach or suggest

receiving packet data related to the Internet response via a PSTN connection, while the Internet response itself (the web page) is sent over a satellite link, as required by the amended independent claims.

In view of the above, Kuwabara and Broadwin, whether considered separately or in combination, fail to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the claims as amended. Thus, independent claims 1, 24, and 43 are patentable over Kuwabara and Broadwin. Dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 22, 41, and 57

Claims 22, 41, and 57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Kuwabara, Broadwin, and further in view of US Patent No, 5,959,659 ("Dokic"). To the extent that this rejection may still apply to the amended claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

As described above, neither Kuwabara nor Broadwin teach or suggest the limitations of the amended independent claims. Further, Dokic fails to supply that which Kuwabara and Broadwin lack. Specifically, Dokic fails to teach or suggest that data received via the PSTN is used to obtain the location of where to get the internet data (the web page) that is sent on the satellite link. Dokic merely teaches that the data is transmitted in an MPEG format and that data other than the television programme(s) is included in at least one private section of the MPEG datastream. *See* Dokic, col. 1, ll. 28-31.

In view of the above, it is clear that the Examiner's contentions fail to support an

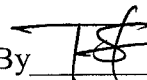
obviousness rejection of the amended independent claims. Thus, amended independent claims 1, 24, and 43 are patentable over Kuwabara, Broadwin, and Dokic, whether considered separately or in combination. Dependent claims 22, 41, and 57 are patentable for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number [11345/110001]).

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